U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 2-2005) U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) TRANSMITTAL [bmm1]LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES **1**0/535334 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A [bmm2]SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 18 November 2002 **10 November 2003** PCT/SG2003/000261 TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CELL AND/OR NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ISOLATION APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Guolin XU et al Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. [X] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. [X] The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. [] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [X] has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. [] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. [] is attached hereto. b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [] have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [] have not been made and will not be made. 8. [] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. [] An (Executed) oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. [] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. [] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. [X] A preliminary amendment. 14. [] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76 15. [] A substitute specification. 16. [] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. [] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. 18. [] A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. [] A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. [X] Other items or information (specify): 15 sheet of drawings; EFS form; postcard; Copy of publication; PTO 1449 with 3 references; Inventor Designation Sheet; Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report **EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE** I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee (mail label #EV343724075US) in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313 1450, on May 18, 2005: **Dorothy Jenkins** May 18, 2005

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1.8 MAY 200 10.7535341 37 C.F.R. 1.5) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. KET NUMBER PCT/SG2003/000261 P/2778-63 PTO USE ONLY CALCULATIONS The following fees have been submitted \$300.00 21. [X] Basic national fee..... 22. [X] Examination fee \$200.00 If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy 23. [X] Search fee \$400.00 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an \$900.00 TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding \$ sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. Total Sheets Extra sheets Number of each additional 50 or RATE fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) - 100 = /50 =x \$250 \$ Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the \$ earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA **RATE CLAIMS** \$: \$ x \$ 50 50.00 **Total Claims** 21 - 20 =1 0 \$ 2 - 3 =x \$200 **Independent Claims** MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$360\$ TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$ [] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are \$ 950.00 reduced by 1/2. SUBTOTAL =\$ 950.00 Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 950.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be \$ 00.00 accompanied by the appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 950.00 Amount to be \$ refunded: Amount to be charged: a. [X] A check (check number _ _) in the amount \$950.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 15-0700 in the amount of \$____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0700. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137/2) (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Robert C. Faber Ostrolenk, Faber, Gerb & Soffen, LLP Louis C. Dujmich 1180 Avenue of the Americas May 18, 2005 Registration Number: 30,625 New York, New York 10036-8402

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